The only solution to student evacuation of the campus is more emphasis on weekend activities, he said, "and to encourage present more weekend events.

"We need to publicize these events more fully in advance," he added.

Jeff, a sophomore and junior boys’ representative, believes that one of the "main things to be done next year is to standardize dorm regulations, making the rules consistent and with similar enforcements." He also believes that female students should have an extra portion of time allowed after curfew.

After the limits are reached, however, the girl would have to attend court every other time she is late.

"The men’s dorms," he continued, "should be composed of conscientious students who keep the residence hall quiet and appropriate for study."

"This year," he added, "this attitude has been almost nonexistent, and I feel that stricter measures should be taken against offenders."

"When the residence halls here at VSC become co-ed," he said, "I believe that the men will act more mature and will not pull fire alarms, overturn fire extinguishers, etc., but will require less disciplinary action."

"Think they are immature and childish by such actions," he explained.

Advocating that a representative of the Campus Canopy be present at all SGA meetings and publish the activities, Jeff feels that this will encourage more student participation. "If the students know what the Student Government Association is doing, then maybe they will get involved in these activities," he explained.

He also believes that the budgets of all enterprises and fee-supported programs should be published.

Supporting the junior-year-abroad programs at other institutions, Jeff feels that VSC students should be able to go to a European college or university and receive credit for the courses they take overseas.

Instead of promising unattainable objectives during his campaign, Jeff states, "I promise that I will look at all suggestions and recommendations from anyone or any organization with an open mind, and that I will present them to the students, SGA, and administration."

A junior from Lakeland and majoring in pre-med, Charlie Howell is one of three students contending for the position of SGA president.

Focusing on the court system, Charlie believes that "the student court system at VSC needs to be greatly revised, because many of the dorms have an ineffective or inefficient court."

"Some of the dorm courts seem to be run by the house directors, and I believe that it should be run by a court member," he continued.

Residence hall courts are created by the Student Court, and I believe that every dorm court session should be reported to the Student Court," he added.

He further advocates that only SGA rules should be used in the residence halls, creating a uniform code for all dorm courts to follow. A transfer student from Mackey Junior College, Charlie also holds that "all court members should meet certain qualifications, such as a 2.0 grade average, and should attend a clinic on court procedures and rules before filling the post."

"Concerned students," he added, "should make up the courts, and only concerned students should become justices."

"With a co-educational residence hall," he continued, "discipline problems decrease when a co-ed court rules."

Advising a revision of the Student Code of Ethics, Charlie says, "there are only fraternities, and there should be included in a strong Inter-Fraternity Council. Other rules exist that have never been enforced and which are superficial. A streamlining of the code needs to be undertaken."

Concerning the student activity fees, Charlie believes that a student referendum should be voted on by the students, allowing the students to determine whether or not the fees be raised.

If the proposal is accepted by the student body, then it would be sent to President S.W. Martin and the Board of Regents for final approval.

"I believe that such organizations as the ACS and other active groups are the answer to student apathy," he stated, "more interest in student activities and organizations will abolish apathy and create stronger organizations."

This year we will have a larger SGA and will involve more students. College students want more responsibility and more freedom, and the best way to obtain these is to actively work," he continued.

"Athletic funds should not be cut," Charlie said, "because VSC is known for its basketball and baseball teams. We attract students with our excellent teams and gain publicity for the school."

I want to urge every student to vote," he concluded, "because we need more than 800 out of 2400 students voting in order to have an effective representation."

"If we have a majority of students voting, they will select the candidates the entire school wants."

Familiar with the student government and its problems, he has been secretary of the IFC, a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon, Charlie belongs to the Black Key.

Clarence Gosier, a sophomore majoring in physics, is seeking the office of SGA during his second year at VSC.

Believing that the SGA can become more effective only by communication with students, Clarence states that "all students should be informed on reports and policies before decisions are made by the administration, and SGA, instead of being told what the decision is."

His platform includes seven main points. A forum open to student opinions should discuss the student activity fee, allowing student opinion to influence how and for what the fee is spent. Clarence advocates that a SGA constitutional amendment be added to provide for a popular election of all student court officials under Article II, Section 92.

"A re-evaluation of curfew and house rules for female students is needed," he says, "to allow students to decide for themselves the policies under which they will live."

"Parking fees need to be reduced," also, he continued, "because students will need to catch a cab in order to get to class."

Clarence plans to present a student appeal to the Board of Regents requesting a retention of the plus system in the grading scale."

"Keeping the student body informed of issues, before policies are determined, will be my main goal," he continued.

A former baseball pitcher for a minor league in Auburn, NY, Clarence believes that "athletes should receive scholarships only if they need it for their education."

"A scholarship should be considered only on need and not just on athletic ability," he concluded.

He also holds that personalities and a variety of speakers should be brought to this campus.

Considering a SGA bulletin to be placed in student postal boxes, he believes that a regular column should be provided in the Campus Canopy for SGA reports.

Stories by Cherri Collins

Operating on the slogan "Revitalize the SGA," Clarence wants to "make the SGA really represent all students."

Although a town student, he feels that he can keep close contact with dorm residents through a committee to obtain the opinions of students living on campus.
Freeman Emphasizes Student Issues

Edward Freeman, a sophomore psychology major from Waycross, is seeking the office of vice-president of the SGA.

"The SGA must seek to establish a more open line of communication to the administration in an effort to protect student minority issues," stated Freeman.

Freeman advocates the creation of a student issues publication which would be a bulletin mimeographed and distributed by the SGA concerning a specific pressing issue. The SGA would then conduct forums on the issue and distribute petitions among the students.

"The SGA could then take the opinions of the student body of Valdosta State directly to the board of Regents or state legislature in the form of a petition. This would give our campus a place in local, state, and national issues and bring prominent speakers to our campus."

In the past, issues have traditionally been vague, I hope, however, to bring the issues directly to the students," said Howard. His main platform is the ISSUES "Individual Student Seeking United-Responsibility Efforts."

Howard feels it is important to return the student government back to the students. "One must be the final arbiter in those regulations that are purely restricted to student environment and are not in conflict with national or state laws or the basic intent of the college." He advocates liberalization of attendance regulations, the elimination of a system of grading, student representation on curriculum and tenure, and faculty review and evaluation.

The elimination of the campus parking problem is one of Howard's main concerns. "We need to make the campus safe for the pedestrian as he is in the majority," he commented.

Realizing the importance of the office he is seeking, Howard states, "Unlike the president, the vice-president doesn't have to worry about being away from campus so much. He is able to be more progressive and work closely with students in that he is not responsible for the liaison between faculty, administration, and students.

"He stressed the importance of a review of the code of ethics, a stronger College Union Board with a cross-section of student representation, a revamping of the IFC and Panhellicastic policies.

STORIES BY KAY WILLIAMS

program in an effort to correct and strengthen the Greek System, and uniform student and house court systems, with the publication of all student rules and regulations.

The problems of student affairs, Howard supports an extension of the hours of the Student Union library, and other campus facilities, abolishment of the dormitory fee, an investigation into the profits of the Student Union snack bar, bookstores, cafeteria, and a public audit of the SGA expenditures, and a permanent non-profit book exchange program on campus.

He also wants a change in rules concerning Greek Housing (changing of term ordinance), creation of off-campus housing for women, revamping of curfew regulations, and a dropping of the "force" rules of campus housing.

Howard hopes to see a vast expansion of community services involving the whole campus so that the community will support the "true image of the college." He wants to see the creation of an office for disadvantaged students which would work closely with the placement office and the college counseling service. Elimination of the spoils system in SGA, student and house courts, and IFC is also a very pressing problem.

He states that student issues research committee comprised of SGA members in conjunction with the College Union Board, and the Campus Canopy is also proposed.

Howard is a member of Delta Chi social fraternity, was secretary of the pledge class, and is currently secretary of the brotherhood.

Kirk Rivenbark, a sophomore psychology major from Waycross, is seeking the position of vice-president of the Student Government Association.

"I want to stress faculty-student relationships in working together to get more accomplished," said Kirk.

"I also want to stress participation by students in student government so that the SGA can pass students' thoughts on to the administration," he added. SGA meetings are open to all interested students, but few students attend meetings. In order to gain more student participation, Kirk wants to publicize the meetings through more posters, bulletins, and direct communication. He feels that students would become more aware of the importance of the SGA if they attended the meetings and participated in the workings of student government.

One of the major tasks Kirk hopes to accomplish is the formation of a committee set up by SGA to work directly with Mrs. Joseph Maddox, the placement officer at VSC.

The committee would be composed of either SGA members or students appointed by the SGA. Its purpose would be to attempt to get more big businesses interested in VSC graduates. The committee would correspond with companies to set up convenient interview dates.

"It would also be the committee's job to visit and correspond with local firms, shops, and factories to provide part-time jobs for VSC students," said Kirk.

He wants to present a film during freshman orientation week showing the opportunities offered by the placement service. The film would also be available for campus organizations.

Although agreeing with the idea of a uniform grading system throughout the university system of Georgia, he recommends the 4.5 system rather than the 4.0. "I want to press for the 4.5 system because I don't understand why a uniform 4.5 system would be any less consistent than the 4.0," Kirk said.

He explained that in such a system, there would be grades of A plus and D plus as well as B plus and C plus.

Kirk also believes in posting teachers, whenever possible, for quarter courses because he feels that it is the students right to know who will teach the course.

He also feels that the SGA should back a working plan for disposing of used books at the beginning of the quarter.

Kirk is a member of Phi Kappa Phi and is secretary of the fraternity. He was sophomore representative to the SGA this year.
Homecoming Queen surrounded by her court

Awards Cap Homecoming

by Cherri Collins

Homecoming, with parade, drama production, closed its dances, baseball game, and “Remember When” activities with a dance Saturday night and presentation of awards.

Homecoming Queen, Miss Toni Bellew, was crowned in front of the gym Thursday afternoon, surrounded by her court of Patsy Branch, Becky Rushin, Sue Davis, and Greyson Traviss.

The parade, winding through Lee Hill, Ashley, and Patterson Streets, was composed of floats and bands from Valdosta High and Lowndes county.

Led by the Alumna float filled with campus beauties, the parade was colorful as the TKE’s showboat followed by the Delta Chi’s knighthood float.

Sig Eps constructed a train, with the Phi Mu’s presenting a “Save Your Confederate Dollars — the South Will Rise Again” float. Alpha Xi’s drove an old floweredy Ford, followed by the KD’s bus.

The “Bloody Red Baron” was the theme of the Pi Kaps; Alpha Delta Pi remembered when cokes were 5¢, and the Campus Can-

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Jimmy Boland and Randy Jones officiated as Grand Parade Marshals, with Jane S. Merritt, an alumna of VSC and member of the Georgia General Assembly, acting as Honorary Parade Marshal.

Awards were presented by Ervin Wood, vice-president of the SGA, during the Saturday dance, at which the Union Board sponsored "Funky Soul Train" played.

Alpha Xi Delta won the nugu-

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est honor of President's Trophy for their old fashioned car; Tau Kappa Epsilon won Most Beautiful float, and the Campus Canopy won Most Original float.

The College Union Board sponsored another dance Friday night with the Tams, national recording group.

Sock and Buskin, VSC's drama club, presented a Readers Theatre with John Dos Passos' "USA" Saturday before the dance.

VSC smashed their Jacksonville opponents 6-0 in the baseball game Saturday.

LOOK TO LUKE

VOTE FOR KAREN

SECRETARY - SGA
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 Reader’s Theatre “USA”

 Vote for Susan Shenton
 Girl’s Town Representative

 Presidents Ratcliffe and Martin crown Queen Toni Bellew

 SIG Eps’ Train

 Alumna Float

 CATHY RYLE for JUNIOR GIRLS REPRESENTATIVE

 Elect Susan Strickland SGA Treasurer

 President of VSC and Marshalls: Mrs. Madeley, Dr. S. Walter Martin

 President of SGA: David Ratcliffe

 Presidents and Honorary Parade Marshall
Luke Stresses Communication During Expansion At VSC

The office of secretary of the Student Government Association, now held by Ann Bullard, is the office which acts as an informational liaison between the Student Government, the student body, and the administration. The three candidates now vying for this office are Karen Luke, Jim Higginbotham, and Anne Atkins.

Karen Luke is a sophomore speech education major from Ocilla, Georgia. She is interested in being elected to the secretariat of the SGA because she is "very interested in the student government at VSC," and feels that, during the period of great expansion, the role of the SGA will be tremendously increased.

Karen has been secretary and president of the Beta Club in high school, captain of her high school band, and is presently playing flute in the VSC band. A member of the Blue Jays Debating Team, she is in the Sigma Alpha Chi honor society, and is membership chairman of Alpha Delta Pi sorority.

Karen stated, in regards to the student information, that "Ann Bullard has started this— but I wish to continue and enlarge the informational services of the S.G.A. She stressed that the 'why' of their actions would be of paramount importance.

She suggested that a regular column of SGA news be placed in the Campus Canopy. Through the medium of a column, questions and answers could flow freely from students to the student government. Answers to that letter would appear in the Campus Canopy, for the benefit of other students who were also wondering.

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Karen Luke

Jim Higginbotham

Anne Atkins

Anne Atkins Tells It Like It Is

Majoring in elementary education, Anne Atkins is a freshman from Waycross.

Her platform focuses on a "better informed student body," "It is the role of the secretary," she says, "to help the SGA closer to the student body.

This can be accomplished more efficiently, she believes, by publishing the minutes of each meeting of the SGA in the Campus Canopy, in the form of a summary of the main issues discussed.

Anne served as vice-president and president of her Tri-Hi-Y club in high school, and is currently an active member of the Phi Mu sorority and a sponsor of the Pi Kappa Phi.

Anne Atkins

Higginbotham Says To Combat Apathy With Information

Also running for the office of secretary is Jim Higginbotham, a sophomore pre-med major from Cairo.

Jim’s main platform is consistency of the SGA, in that their presence should be obvious at all times, not just at elections. He believes that students must know what is happening at all times if a student government is to be effective.

Jim feels that one of the ramifications of this lack of communication between students and their government is campus apathy. "Before campus apathy can be combated, the students must know what is happening."

It is important that students become aware of the activities of the SGA, other than their social functions.

Jim has been vice-president of the Beta Club, vice-president of his junior and senior classes in high school, and brings a lot of energy, initiative, and desire to improve the SGA.

He concluded, "I think I can complement the student body in regards to the president and the vice-president."

ELECT JEFF MAYS FOR SGA PRESIDENT

Vote To Improve YOUR SGA, Vote MAYS
Ann Bullard Promises Minimum Expenditures

Ann Bullard, a sophomore math major from Waycross, is seeking the office of treasurer of the SGA.

"I would keep expenses to a minimum," stated Ann. She added, "If possible, I would keep the students informed of activity fee expenditures."

Ann is now secretary of the SGA. She is in Alpha Xi Delta sorority and a member of Sigma Alpha Chi honor society.

Strickland Seeks Student Opinions

Susan Strickland, running for the office of SGA treasurer, is in her second year at VSC, majoring in early education. She is from Cobbtown, Georgia.

Susan has held student government offices in high school, such as president of the senior class and vice-president of Student Council. She is presently a member of the WRA, Woman's Recreation Association, and belongs to the Phi Mu sorority.

As treasurer, Susan wishes to better represent the students' interests and opinions. She advocates frequent popular opinion polls of debated ideas and issues that concern the college community.

Concerning a proposed student activities fees increase, Susan stated that "since athletics are an important part of student interests, the school should be given the means to attract good athletes."

Susan also supports an increase in monies allotted to campus publications, saying that "school publications provide information for the students and should have the money needed to publish this news."

STORIES BY GLEN BRELAND

Kathleen Gleason

math major from Valdosta. Kathleen, a member of Alpha Delta Pi sorority, is a math education major. She has worked closely with the SGA this year in her post of girls town representative.

Kathleen feels that her major in math education is a good qualification for the office of SGA treasurer.

"The student should be more informed," says Kathleen, "and should also be more interested in the workings of the SGA. Kathleen thinks that more questionnaires should be undertaken so as to extend an opportunity to students to express constructive ideas.

Kathleen projects that she would post a detailed report of the SGA expenditures.

Concerning the proposed increase in student activities fees, Kathleen said, "If the fee is increased the student might not have control of its distribution."

"The school is growing, and we should have more activities to attract people to stay on campus on weekends," she added. Kathleen said she would make suggestions to the SGA concerning distribution of the activities fees.

Kathleen realizes the administration is doing its best about the cafeteria situation, but feels that the dorm student should have the option to buy a meal ticket for two or three weeks than a full quarter.

ELECT KIRK RIVENBARK

VICE PRESIDENT OF SGA

- DEDICATED
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- EXPERIENCED
Mays And Freeman Capture Regard Of Student Editors

After evaluating the candidates, their experience, and their platforms, we have decided on the contenders who seem best qualified to be the main SGA officers.

For the office of president of the Student Government Association, we have in strong support of Jeff Mays. We believe that he, above the other candidates, is best able to provide the strong leadership which is necessary to innovate many of the changes which are vital to the continued improvement of Valdosta State College.

The main planks in his well planned platform include additional student safety in the form of an overhead crossing from the Oak Street parking lot to the campus; and students financial welfare in the form of support of an increase in student activity fees if it is beneficial to all students. In addition to these ideas, he proposes a plan for those who remain for weekends by encouraging more and better publicized weekend events.

We believe that the office of vice-president would best be occupied by Howard Freeman. His campaign is entitled "ISSUES" - that is - Individual Students Seeking United-Responsible Efforts.

These efforts include increased communications between students and the State Board of Regents by way of petitions written by the SGA.

Also included in Howard's proposed efforts are: increased pedestrian safety in parking areas; standardization of dorm regulations; review of Student Code of Ethics; Standardization of regulations concerning attendance at classes; and uniform plus system of grading.

Karen Luke presents the most suitable array of experience and foresight in the SGA secretarial contest. An active participant in high school, as well as during her five quarters at VSC, in extra-curricular activities, she holds concern for VSC over her ambitions in other areas.

Focusing on student communication, Karen advocates the regular inclusion in the Campus Canopy of a column which will briefly describe the current actions being taken by the SGA. She stresses, however, that, more important than the 'what,' is the 'why' of the SGA actions.

With a full year's experience in the SGA, as its secretary, we feel that Ann Bullard comes to these elections best qualified of all the other candidates to hold the office of treasurer.

As secretary last year, she conscientiously applied herself to the task of informing the student body of what the SGA was doing by posting the minutes of their meetings on bulletin boards in the Student Union. A Dean's List student, Ann wishes to continue her service to the students of VSC by performing the duties of treasurer.

SAGA Of Serial Sadness

by Carolyn Kluball

It was some time in early June, (Exactly when, I do forget), That I discovered this wild world, In the family tv set, I enjoyed a LOVE OF LIVE, In the SEARCH FOR TOMORROW, Involved in many a SECRET STORM, Of laughter and of SORROW, But, while looking for the BRIGHTER DAY, I fell off the EDGE OF NIGHT And rambling around in ANOTHER WORLD, Until I saw the GUIDING LIGHT And so now, AS THE WORLD TURNS, I think of things gone by, The DARK SHADOWS and RED DEN FACES, Back on the "ugly" eye.

LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS

It seems that the South Georgia Conservative contingent has struck out in the only manner they know - destruction.

One only needs to observe the disappearance of the Black candidate's leaflets to find out how such people work, even though all candidates have suffered under the hands of vandals to lesser degrees.

All of this proves to me that many VSC students would be better off if they returned to their former public service positions as South Georgia gas station attendants.

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